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QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT MILI VS

SUBJECT: CONVOY IN PHU YEN

1. THE REAR COLUMN OF THE KONTUM/PLEIKU CONVOY NOW IN PHU YEN  
APPEARS TO BE INCREASINGLY BELEAGUERED./

LATE, FRAGMENTARY REPORTS

INDICATE THAT SON HOA DISTRICT TOWN WAS OVERRUN BY 2 COMMUNIST  
TANK UNITS AT 242030 HRS; THE GVN SITUATION IN SON HOA DISTRICT  
WAS DESCRIBED AS "GRAVE". AND, ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 24, RADIO  
CONTACT WITH THE RANGERS IN SON HOA WAS LOST. ACCORDING TO

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EARLIER REPORTS FROM MR-2 HQS, RANGER UNITS CLASHED WITH THE

COMMUNISTS NEAR SON HOA DISTRICT TOWN BOTH ON MARCH 23 AND 24; REPORTED LOSSES WERE 52 COMMUNISTS KIA AS AGAINST 25 GVN WIA (BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN) AND 2 GVN TRUCKS DAMAGED. IN ADDITION, ON MARCH 24 THE VNAF MISTAKENLY STRAFED THE RANGERS, WHO TOOK 40 CASUALTIES (NO MEDEVACS WERE EFFECTED BECAUSE OF COMMUNIST GROUND FIRE). THE RANGER UNITS INVOLVED IN THESE CONTACTS ARE ELEMENTS OF THE 6TH RANGER GROUP -- THE ONLY STILL COHERENT RANGER GROUP IN THE CONVOY. THE ATTACKING COMMUNIST UNIT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE 64TH NVA REGT.

2. THE BULK OF THE CONVOY REMAINS BLOCKED BY COMMUNIST FORCES VIC CQ 0236. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, HOWEVER, THE BRIDGE AT BQ 8940 HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND 1,000 VEHICLES HAVE CROSSED THE SON BA THERE.

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